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For: ARTERY SMOOTH MUSCLE- AND VEIN  
SMOOTH MUSCLE-SPECIFIC PROTEINS  
AND USES THEREFOR

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding Office Action, mailed January 7, 2004, in connection with the above application. Petition for a one-month extension of time and appropriate fees are filed concurrently herewith. Please enter the following amendments:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.